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Water

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For 73 years we have summered in Falcon Cove, building our house there even before the tunnel access was completed, before the land was developed with electricity and water.

While this work was being completed, the man in charge would come to our house . He told us that the wolves followed him up the hillside to the Spring (the water supply source) and then down the hill, never fully revealing themselves - just a pack of eyes glowing in the salal. We saw bear and elk daily. The fishing crab were plentiful, and the Razor Clams

were carried off in huge burlap bags that the Japanese fisherman hauled behind them on the beach in the mornings. As the years passed and development came increasingly, this wildlife disappeared. "where have the birds gone?" my husband asked, for they were almost completely gone. The tide pool rocks were barren of sea life and even of barnacles. There were no clams/crabs for years.

Only when the Marine Reserve began their operations did we see change. So many birds have returned! The tide pools are bountiful with all kinds of sea life, serving now to teach conservation and appreciation to the public who come to explore. The Clams and crab and fish have also returned. We are so grateful for the knowledge and conservation practices generated by the Oregon Marine Reserves. Please approve this bill and renew support so they can continue this important , effective conservation work!